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Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E. Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Director, Reports and Estimates

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your memorandum, subject: "Classification and Reclassification of CIA Reports," dated 20 April 1949, in which the views of the Intelligence Division, General Staff, U. S. Army, were requested concerning the proposed downgrading of ORE 9, ORE 45-48, and ORE 46-48.

This Division interposes no objections to downgrading ORE 9, "The Succession of Power in the USSR," dated 13 January 1948, and ORE 45-48, "The Current Situation in China," dated 22 July 1948, to CONFIDENTIAL, but it is recommended that ORE 46-48, "Communist Strength in Japan," dated 28 September 1948, retain its SECRET classification since it contains information concerning Soviet intelligence methods and operations employed in Japan.

Sincerely yours,

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